


# EXHIBIT B



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**TABLE 13A: EX PARTE REEXAMINATION**  
(FY 2003 - FY 2007)

| Activity  | 2003       | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Requests filed, total</b>                          | <b>392</b> | <b>441</b> | <b>524</b> | <b>511</b> | <b>643</b> |
| By patent owner                                       | 136        | 166        | 166        | 129        | 124        |
| By third party  | 239        | 268        | 358        | 382        | 519        |
| Commissioner ordered                                  | 17         | 7          | -          | -          | -          |
| <b>Determinations on requests, total <sup>1</sup></b> | <b>381</b> | <b>419</b> | <b>537</b> | <b>458</b> | <b>594</b> |
| Requests granted:                                     |            |            |            |            |            |
| By examiner   | 360        | 408        | 509        | 422        | 575        |
| By petition   | 1          | -          | 2          | 5          | 2          |
| Requests denied                                       | 20         | 11         | 26         | 31         | 17         |
| <b>Requests known to have related litigation</b>      | <b>109</b> | <b>138</b> | <b>176</b> | <b>229</b> | <b>369</b> |
| <b>Filings by discipline, total</b>                   | <b>392</b> | <b>441</b> | <b>524</b> | <b>511</b> | <b>643</b> |
| Chemical  | 124        | 130        | 138        | 118        | 133        |
| Electrical  | 118        | 156        | 188        | 228        | 275        |
| Mechanical  | 150        | 155        | 198        | 165        | 235        |

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